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SUBJECT: FRENCH APPROACH ON MALTA

REFS: A) PARIS 244; B) VALLETTA 60; C) VALLETTA 95 (NOTAL)

1. WE APPRECIATE FRENCH SHARING THEIR VIEWS WITH US ON
EVENTUAL POLICY TOWARDS MALTA. WHILE WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE
OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, WE BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE THAT ITALY
AND FRANCE REMAIN THE LEADERS OF DISCUSSIONS OF MALTA'S
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SEARCH FOR A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH WESTERN EUROPE.

2. WE HAVE ASSURED MINTOFF (REF B) THAT WE ARE NOT HOSTILE
TO HIS DESIRE FOR NEUTRALITY, AND THAT WE APPLAUD HIS OBJEC-
TIVE OF A VIABLE ECONOMY FOR MALTA. WE HAVE ALSO, IN DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH ITALIANS, ENCOURAGED EUROPEAN EFFORTS TO ASSIST
MALTA.

3. WE BELIEVE IT IN MALTA'S OWN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS THAT WESTERN EUROPE BE THE ISLAND'S PRIMARY SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE. MINTOFF'S PROPOSAL FOR ECONOMIC/SECURITY GUARANTEES FROM EUROPEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES DOES NOT, AND AT THIS STAGE PROBABLY SHOULD NOT, INVOLVE THE US DIRECTLY.

WE AGREE WITH FRENCH SUGGESTION (REF A) THAT ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IS DESIRABLE AND BELIEVE THIS COULD BE PURSUED ON A BILATERAL BASIS AND IN EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, AT THIS TIME WE THINK THE US CAN BEST HELP MALTA BY PROMOTING INVESTMENT IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP A VIABLE INDUSTRIAL BASE.

4. FOR VALLETTA: WE WOULD WELCOME ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS THAT YOU MAY CARE TO OFFER.
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